among ante-natal mothers is 1% and above. (Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Nagaland, Manipur, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka), Group II is where HIV among risk population is 5% and above but among ante-natal mothers is less than 1% (Gujarat, Pondicherry and Goa). The remaining States fall in the last category where HIV prevalence among high risk population is less than 5% and among ante-natal mothers is less than 1%. In the case of T.B. and blindness no significant regional variations have been observed.

Government and affiliated Medical Colleges and Registered Institutions in Maharashtra

1535. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government and affiliated Medical Colleges and Registered Institutions for allied Health Sciences for degree/diploma courses in Maharashtra with their intake capacity;

(b) the details regarding the growth of medical education in Maharashtra over the last five years;

(c) the details of plan of action for promotion, development, expansion, upgradation of medical education network/infrastructure in Maharashtra for the next five years; and

(d) the details of major problems identified in medical and allied health education in Maharashtra and steps taken/proposed to resolve them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per information received from Medical Council of India, Dental Council of India and Pharmacy Council of India there are 34 medical colleges with 3480 MBBS admissions; 16 dental colleges with 1150 BDS admissions; 67 institutions offering diploma and 33 institutions offering degree course in Pharmacy in the State of Maharashtra. Besides, as per information received from Government of Maharashtra there are 113 other medical and allied Health Sciences institutions offering various degree and diploma courses.

(b) to (d) According to Government of Maharashtra, the admission capacity in MBBS and BDS courses have been increased by 150 and 240 seats respectively in the past five years. The State Government have proposal to start three new medical colleges in the State. No specific major problem in the field of Medical education has been brought to the notice of Central Government.